

**REMARKS**

Responsive to the final Office Action dated April 8, 2003, a Notice of Appeal was filed on August 8, 2003.

The instant amendment merely places allowed (i.e., objected to) claims 4 and 10 in independent form so as to put the application in better condition for appeal. Thus, the instant amendment should be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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